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LETTER DATED 6 JULY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ERITREA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have been instructed by my Government to transmit the enclosed letter from His Excellency Mr. Petros Solomon, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Eritrea, addressed to Your Excellency, which I received today.

I should be grateful if you would kindly circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Amdemicael KAHSAI
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Annex

Letter dated 5 July 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Eritrea addressed to the President of the Security Council

The National Islamic Front (NIF) Government in the Sudan has lodged a protest to the Security Council (letter of 28 June 1995 - S/1995/522) accusing the Government of Eritrea of hostile acts.

A Sudanese proverb that says, "He struck me but cried first in order to accuse me", aptly describes the characteristic hypocrisy and duplicity of the NIF regime in Khartoum.

The unprovoked acts of subversion and destabilization that the NIF has been perpetrating against Eritrea, the Horn of Africa region and the continent as a whole is indeed sufficiently well known and documented not to merit further elaboration here.

As Your Excellency may recall, the Government of Eritrea had in fact brought the wanton acts of subversion that the NIF regime continued to escalate against Eritrea to the attention of the Security Council through its repeated communications: letters of 3 and 30 January, 21 February, 16 and 24 November and 5 December 1994.

Unfortunately, the Security Council did not take the requisite action. In the meantime, the NIF regime continued to intensify its subversive acts, forcing the Government of Eritrea to sever diplomatic ties with Khartoum as a last resort. The NIF regime has, however, persisted in perpetuating and escalating its brazen acts.

Only recently, the Popular Arab and Islamic Conference convened in Khartoum from 31 March to 2 April 1995 under the auspices of the NIF regime passed a number of resolutions on Eritrea that purported to expand its training camps for terrorists and Jihad mercenaries in pursuit of its avowed campaigns of instigating conflict and instability in the country to topple the Government.

In the circumstances, it is ironic and audacious for the NIF regime to invoke today principles of international law that it has been violating all along to indict the Government of Eritrea of foul play. The NIF regime is in fact a pariah and outlaw regime that has set out to destabilize the neighbouring countries and the continent as a whole. In the event, the international community cannot give credence to its accusations but [must] take the appropriate and long-overdue measures to defuse its aggressive designs and dreams.

(Signed) Petros SOLOMON
Minister for Foreign Affairs